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SUBJECT: OPIUM PRODUCTION IN TURKEY

FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, DATED  
MARCH 19, 1974:

BEGIN QUOTE NARCOTIC ADDICT TREATMENT ACT OF 1974. MR.  
WOLFF. MR. SPEAKER, FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO CON-  
GRATULATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, THE GENTLEMAN  
FROM WEST VIRGINIA (MR. STAGGERS), FOR BRINGING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE A BILL AS IMPORTANT AS THIS ONE IS TO HELP PROVIDE  
AN ANSWER TO ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS AFFECTING  
THIS NATION--THAT OF NARCOTICS ADDICTION.

THIS IS BUT ONE PRONG IN ATTACKING THE SERIOUS DRUG PRO-  
BLEM WE HAVE IN AMERICA. CONCOMITANT, HOWEVER, IS THE  
FACT THAT WE MUST TRY TO REACH THE SOURCE OF SUPPLY OF THE  
NARCOTICS DEALER. FOR IT REALLY IS ONLY AT THE SOURCE,  
ACCORDING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, THAT WE CAN STOP  
THE TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS.

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I AM HAPPY TO REPORT TO THE HOUSE THAT AFTER A 2-DAY SESSION IN TURKEY, CONGRESSMAN RANGEL AND I HAVE GOTTEN FROM THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER A DECISION THAT THEY WOULD NOT BEGIN OPIUM PRODUCTION AGAIN THIS SPRING THEREBY KEEPING IN FORCE THE AGREEMENT THAT WAS ORIGINALLY MADE

WITH TURKEY TO BAN OPIUM PRODUCTION. BEFORE THE BAN ON GROWING IN TURKEY THEY DID SUPPLY SOME 80 PERCENT OF THE OPIUM THAT WENT INTO THE HEROIN THAT CAME TO THE AMERICAN MARKET THROUGH THE "FRENCH CONNECTION."

ADDITIONALLY, WE WERE INFORMED THAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TURKISH AUTHORITIES, U.S. AMBASSADOR WILLIAM MACOMBER AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS WILL BE CONTINUED IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE DIFFERENCES.

IF TURKEY, AT ANY FUTURE DATE, GOES BACK INTO OPIUM PRODUCTION--EVEN ON A LIMITED BASIS--IT WILL OPEN UP A PANDORA'S BOX. EVERYONE CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS AND CRIME IN AMERICA KNOWS THAT WE DO NOT GROW OPIUM BASED HEROIN IN THIS COUNTRY AND THAT THE ONE WAY TO STOP HEROIN ABUSE IS TO STOP HEROIN AT ITS SOURCE--THE POPPY. THIS IS WHY THE DECISION BY TURKEY IS SO IMPORTANT.

WE LEARNED THAT THERE ARE FORCES AT WORK INCLUDING SOME GREEDY AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS AND DEMOGOGIC TURK POLITICIANS, ATTEMPTING TO MAKE THE OPIUM CULTURE AN ISSUE OF "NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE FROM USA INFLUENCE," BY CALLING FOR A REPUDIATION OF THE EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

WE MUST DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO USE EVERY WEAPON AT OUR COMMAND INCLUDING THE PASSAGE OF THIS IMPORTANT BILL BEFORE US TODAY TO ELIMINATE THE DRUG MENACE FROM OUR SOCIETY.

I THANK THE CHAIRMAN FOR YIELDING TO ME. END QUOTE.  
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